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USES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004.

The Office Action states that the claims of the present application belong to two (2) separate (independent and distinct) inventions, and requires a two-way restriction. Applicants respectfully traverse. For examination purposes, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I which includes Claims 46-52.

Applicants further note the acknowledgement in the Office Action of the rejoinder practice for claims to a product and claims to method of using the product. See MPEP § 812.04.

Applicants now await an Office Action on the merits. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone

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call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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November 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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